



# News

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### WEEKLY SAINT PAUL FIRE & EMS BLOTTER

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This feature we call "Fire & EMS Blotter" is a weekly update of the activities of the Saint Paul Fire Department.

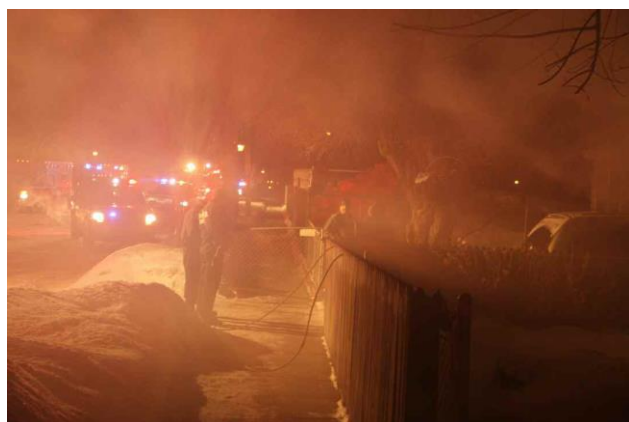
During the week of January 1 thru January 7, the Saint Paul Fire Department responded to 801 calls for service. (It's been a very busy week!) Here is a **sampling** of some of the emergency and non-emergency activities from information provided by the fire department.

**FROZEN WATER PIPES** – Since the incredibly low temperatures began Sunday night, firefighters have been kept very busy responding to water leaks from frozen, broken, plumbing – about 15 waterflow calls a day. Oftentimes the ice in the pipes acts as a plug so the broken pipes don't leak until the ice thaws so we expect another blitz of water pipe leaks when the warm weather returns this weekend. Building owners need to make sure they maintain at least 50 degrees in rooms where there are fire sprinklers or other water pipes.

**DWELLING FIRE** - On January 5 at 5:55 a.m. on the 400 block of Topping Street fire companies were dispatched to a single family dwelling fire with origin in the kitchen. No one was home. This fire is under investigation. Board up was needed. The home was heavily damaged. Damage is estimated at \$140,000.



*Firefighters rush to put the flames out.*



*The severe cold caused the smoke to rapidly cool and cling to the ground making visibility difficult for firefighters.*

**ROLLOVER** - On January 7 at 4:53 a.m. on I-94 and Vandalia Street to westbound I-94 a 31 year old woman was involved in a rollover accident. Extrication was needed. Paramedics evaluated her and she refused transport to a hospital.

**COLD EXPOSURE** – With extremely frigid record temperatures, Paramedics were dispatched to seven calls for help due to the severe cold which resulted in two transports to nearby hospitals.

**COLD EXPOSURE** - On January 6 at 7:56 a.m. on the 200 block of East 5<sup>th</sup> Street a 21 year old man was elevated and treated for exposure from the previous day. Paramedics evaluated and he refused transport to a nearby hospital.

**COLD EXPOSURE** - On January 6 at 2:27 a.m. on the 1300 block of Barclay Street a 32 year old man was evaluated and treated by paramedics for cold exposure after being outside for about 30 minutes to an hour. Paramedics transported him to a nearby hospital.

**COLD EXPOSURE** – On January 5 at 1:02 a.m. on the 1900 block of Como Avenue a 30 year old man was found by police in a snow bank and immediately brought to a nearby fire station where paramedics treated him then transported him to a nearby hospital.